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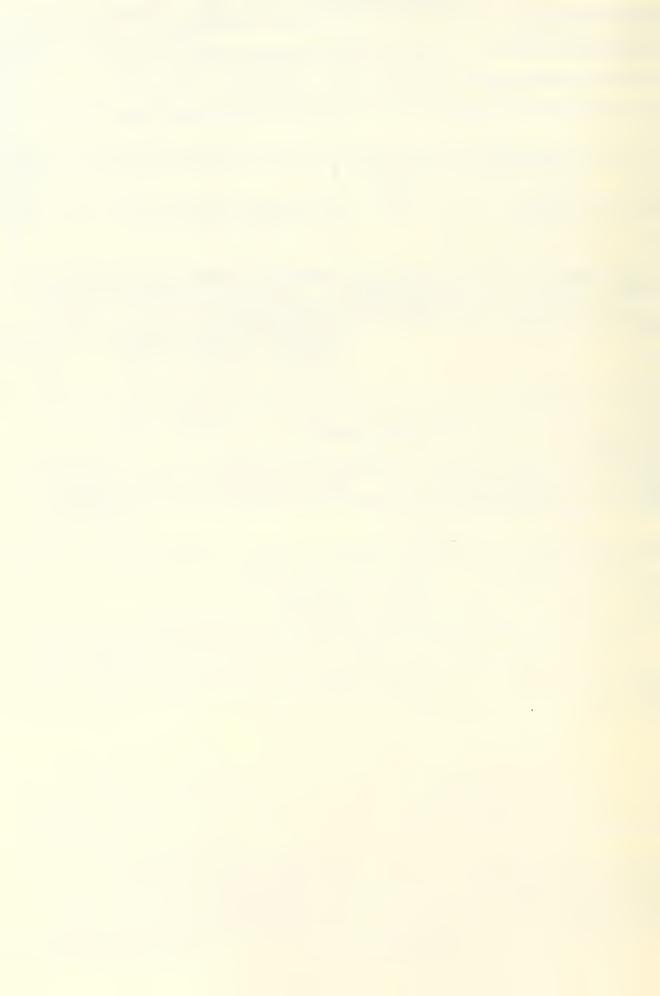
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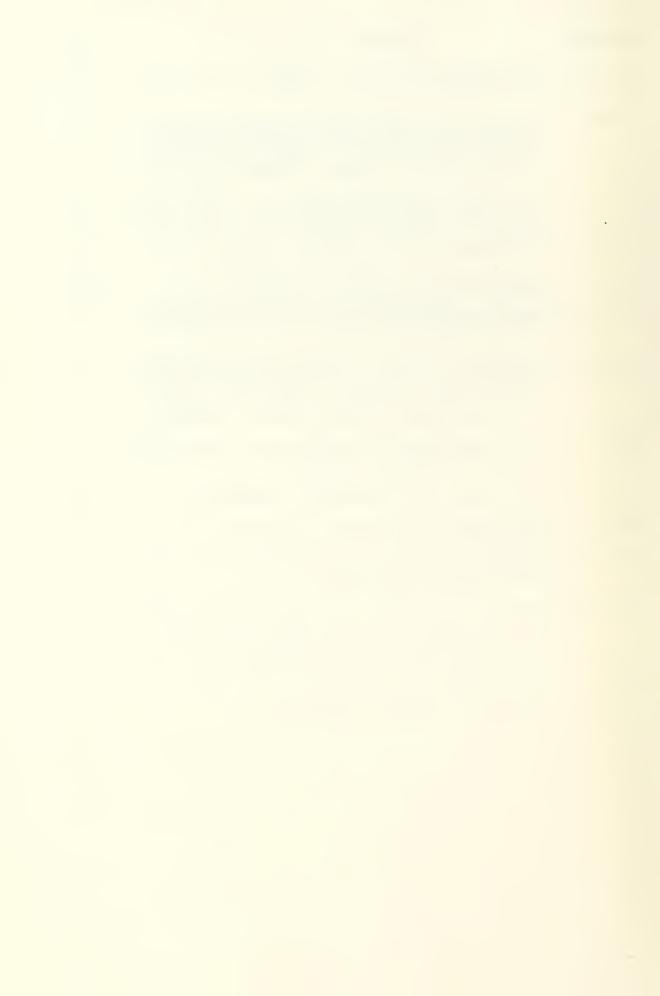
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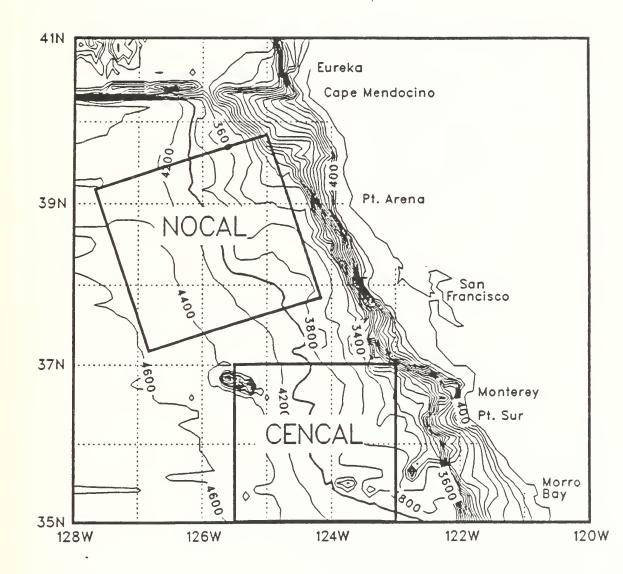


Figure 1: The NOCAL and CENCAL subdomains of the OPTOMA Program. Isobaths are shown in meters.

INTRODUCTION

The OPTOMA (Ocean Prediction Through Observation, Modeling and Analysis) Program, a joint NPS/Harvard program sponsored by ONR, seeks to understand the mesoscale (fronts, eddies, and jets) variability and dynamics of the California Current System (CCS) and to determine the scientific limits to practical mesoscale ocean forecasting. To help carry out the aims of this project, a series of cruises and flights were planned in two subdomains, NOCAL and CENCAL, shown in Figure 1.

Naval Oceanographic Office (NAVOCEANO) Project OS-06-87 was a two week deployment of the BIRDSEYE RP-3D aircraft in support of the OPTOMA program. A total of six flights were flown between 9 and 19 November; five of these were surveys of the OPTOMA domain and one was an acoustical survey of Monterey Bay. During the last two flights, the R/V POINT SUR acquired data in the CENCAL domain.

OPTOMA 23 is the last of the OPTOMA surveys and it is unique in that this was the first effort to integrate concurrent satellite, drifting buoy, ship, and aircraft data in a comprehensive oceanographic, meteorological and acoustical study of the CCS. Specific goals of the airborne surveys were to:

- provide synoptic data for objective analysis of various parameters (e.g., SST from AXBT and PRT-5, mixed layer depth, thermal structure)
- provide initialization, boundary condition updating, and verification fields for dynamical model forecasts
- coordinate the observational strategy of the R/V POINT SUR by using near-real-time analyses to vector the ship into areas of interesting mesoscale activity

The aircraft flew at an altitude of 800 to 1000 feet at a speed of 240 knots. Each survey took about 9 hours to accomplish including 2 hours transit time to and from Monterey airport. Approximately 100 airborne expendable bathythermographs (AXBT) were deployed on each flight over the tracks shown in figures 2,7,12,17 and 22. Station positions were determined by two Litton 72 inertial navigation systems supplemented by LORAN C fixes and are estimated to be accurate to within about 0.1 km. Nominal station spacing was about 40 km along-track.

DATA ACQUISITION

Data acquired during OPTOMA23 include temperature-depth profiles from Sippican, Hermes, and Magnavox AXBT's, and PRT-5 surface temperatures, with accuracies as given in Table 1. The AXBT data were digitized at 0.1 second intervals

using the NPS Airborne Digital Data Acquisition System with a Sippican MK9 unit and the NAVOCEANO airborne acquisition system. Continuous flight level dewpoint, flight level temperature, PRT-5 sea surface temperature, and PRT-5 upward looking measurements (to detect overcast conditions) were also recorded on strip chart and digitized on 9-track tape. All data were recorded on strip charts, cassette tapes or on 9-track tapes. In this report, the AXBT data are presented.

DATA PROCESSING

All data were transferred to the IBM 3033 mainframe computer for editing and processing. The digitized AXBT data were edited with a spike removal routine and smoothed. Since the AXBT's used were from three different manufacturers, the standard Navy equation was used to convert AXBT time of fall to depth.

AXBT failure rate for various reasons was high, about 20%. Of the remaining records, approximately 96% were retained in the data set. The data have been transferred on digital tape to the National Oceanographic Data Center in Washington, DC.

DATA PRESENTATION

The flight tracks, station locations, and station numbers are shown for each of the five OPTOMA legs in figures 3,8,13,18, and 23. On the flight track figures, transect extremes are identified by letter to aid in cross-referencing the data presented in subsequent figures. These figures are followed by a listing of the stations with their coordinates, the date and time when each station was occupied, and the surface information obtained at the station.

Vertical profiles of temperature from the AXBT casts are shown in staggered fashion. The first profile on each plot is shown with its temperature unchanged; to each subsequent profile, an appropriate multiple of 5 C has been added. The location of these profiles may be found by reference to the various maps of the cruise tracks. Transect extremes are identified as nearly as possible.

Vertical transects of the temperature field are shown on the next pages. The tick marks identify station positions and, again, the transect extremes are shown on these plots.

Mean profiles of temperature and the standard deviation envelope from the AXBT's for each flight are given in figures 6,11,16,21, and 26.

Table 1: Scientific instruments aboard the RP-3D BIRDSEYE aircraft

Instrument	Variable	Range	Operational Accuracy
Hygrometer Cambridge System Model 137-00-53	Dew Point	± 50 ∘ C	1.0 ∘ C
Rosemont Temperature Probe 102E4AL	Air Temp	-60 ∘ C to +40 ∘ C	5%
Sippican Magnavox	Temperature to 300 or 800 m	-2 to +35 ∘C	0.2 ∘C
Hermes AXBT	Depth		5% depth
Litton 72 Inertial Navigation	Position	N/A	2 km
Airborne Radiation Thermometer (PRT	Surface Temp ⁻ -5)	-0.2 to +35 ∘C	± 0.4 ∘C

Section 1
OPTOMA 23 Flight P1
9 November 1986

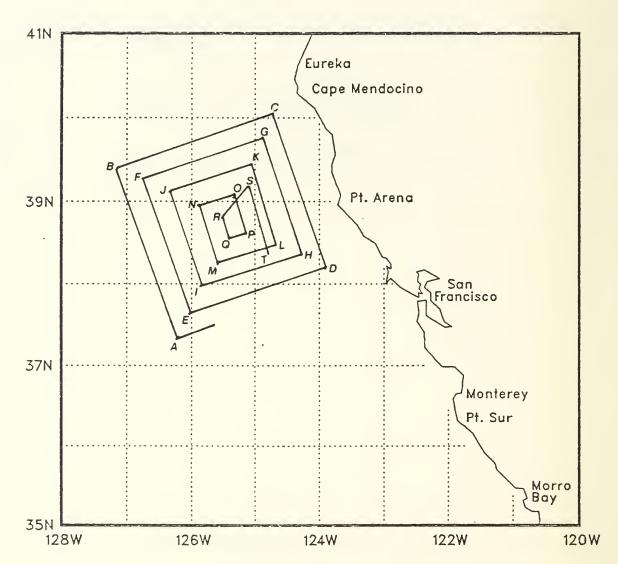


Figure 2. The flight track for OPTOMA 23, leg Pl.

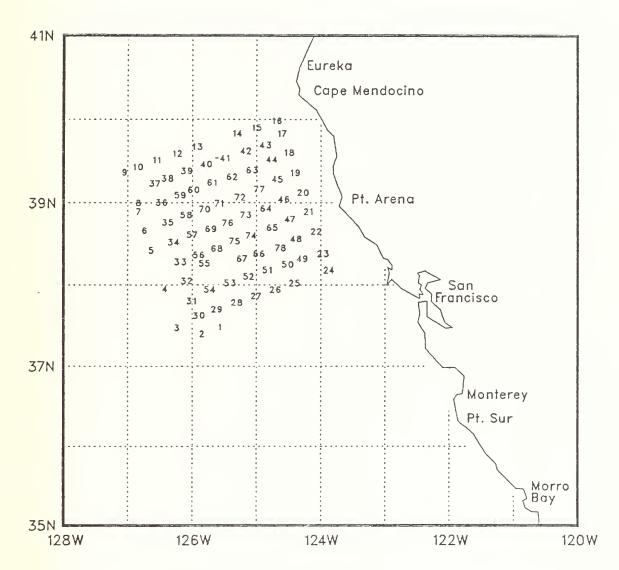
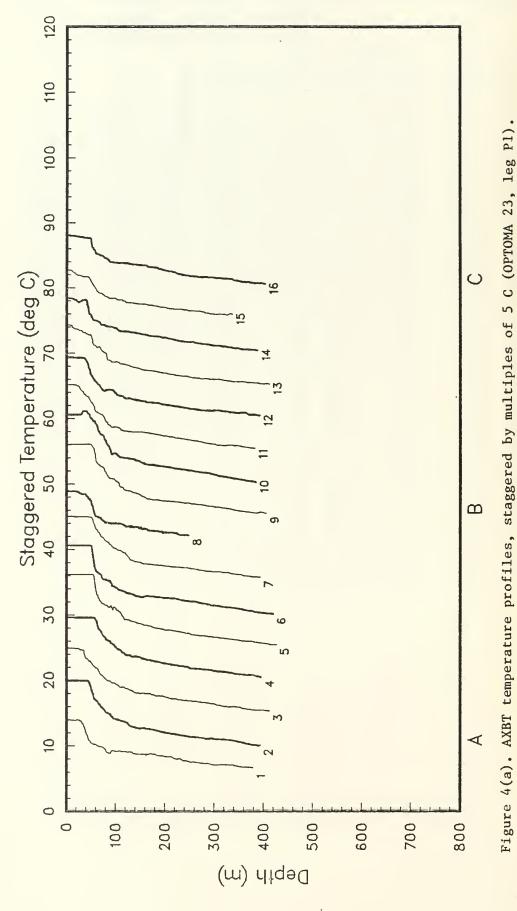


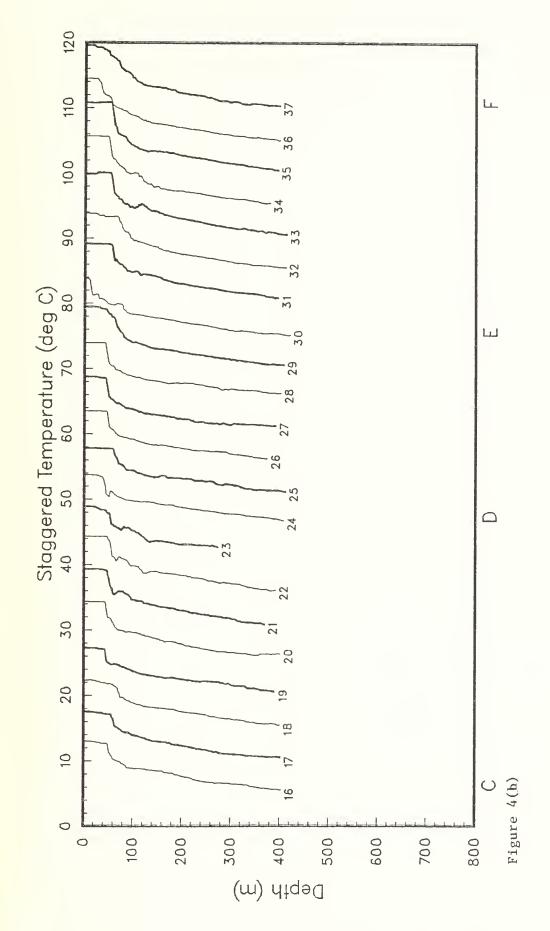
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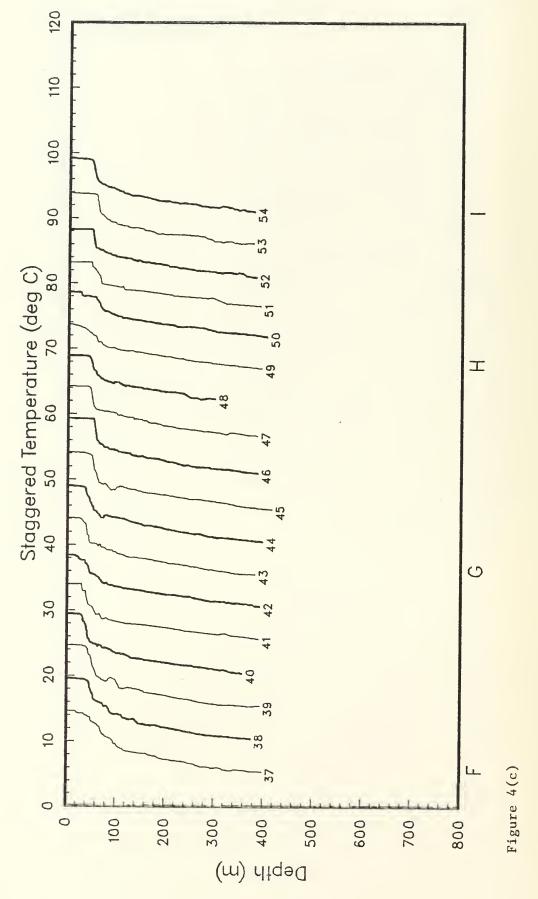
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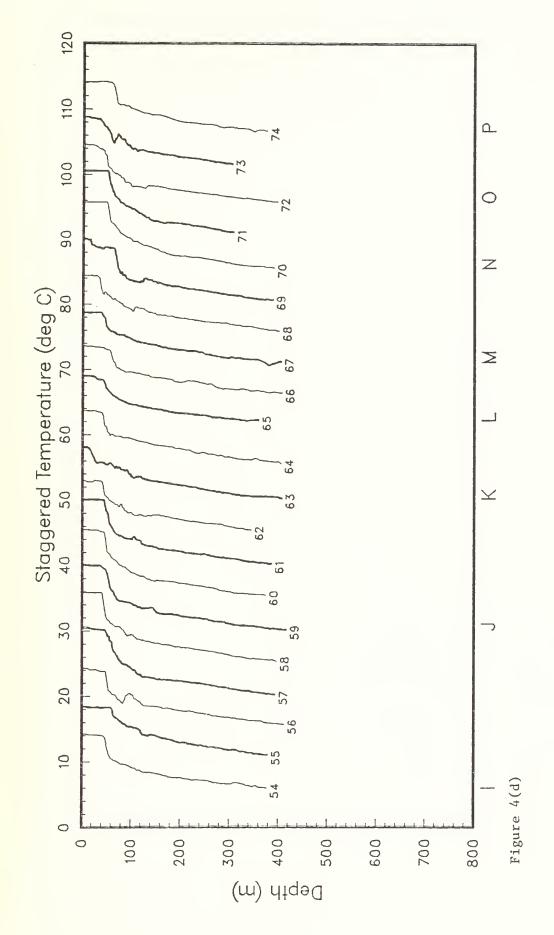
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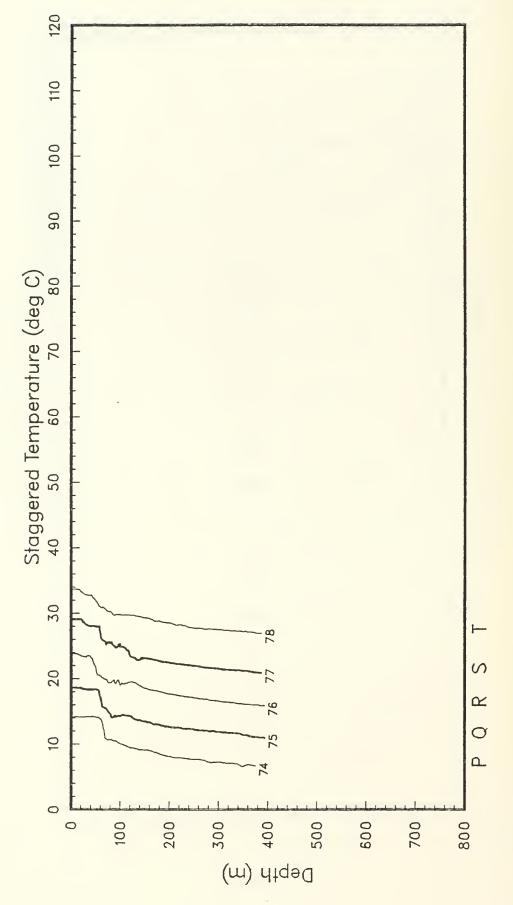


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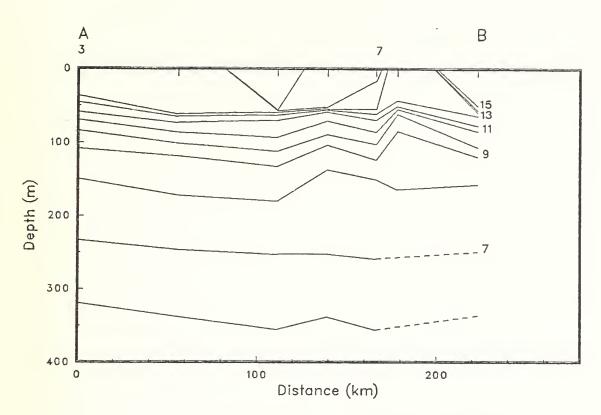


Figure 5(a). Along-track isotherms. Tickmarks along the upper horizontal axis show station positions. Some station numbers are given. Dashed lines are used if cast was too shallow (OPTOMA 23, leg Pl).

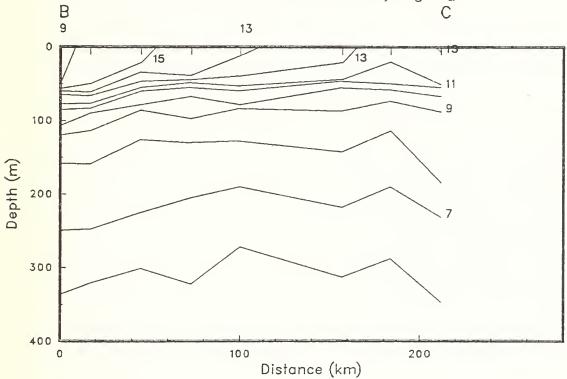


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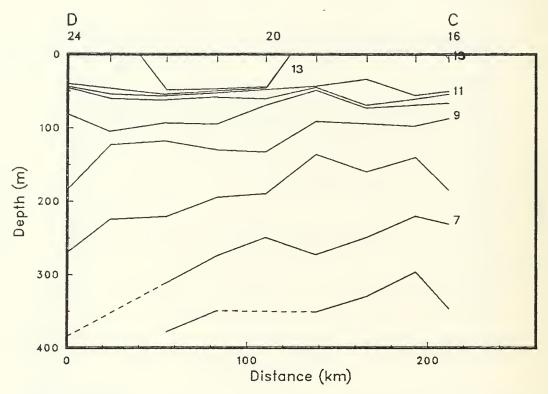


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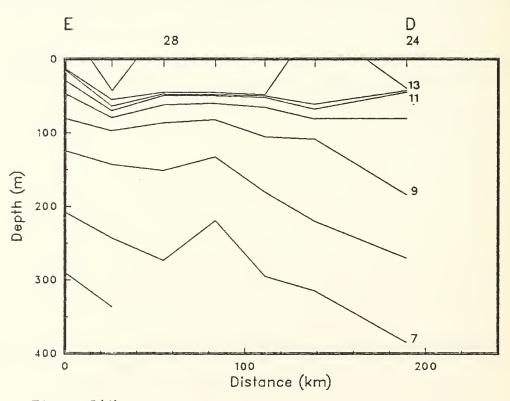


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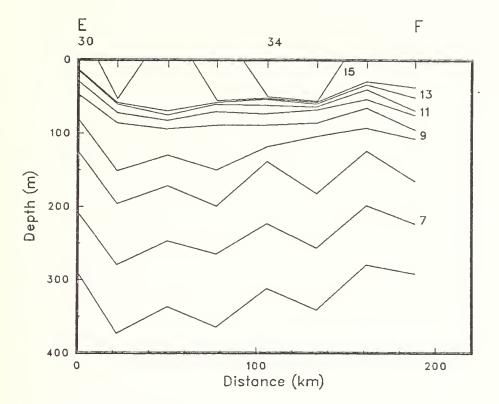


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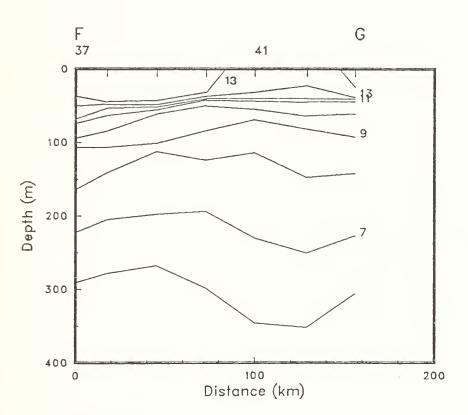


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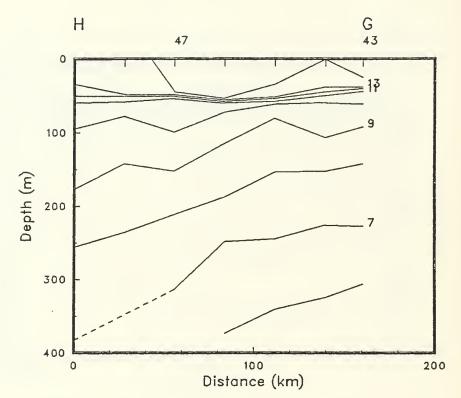


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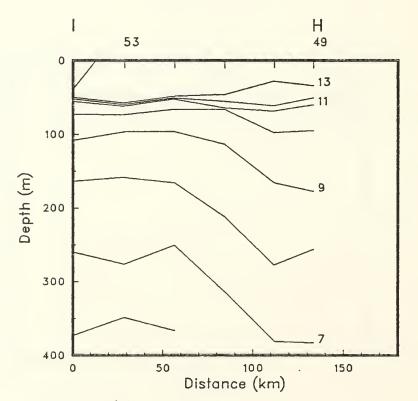


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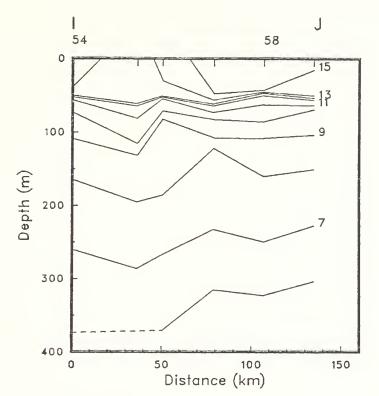


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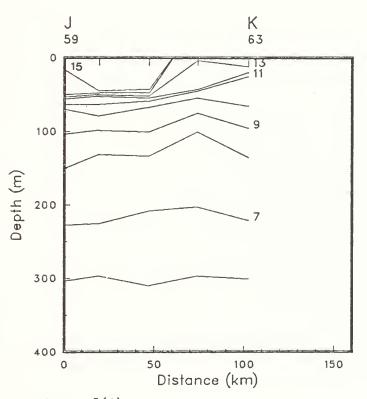


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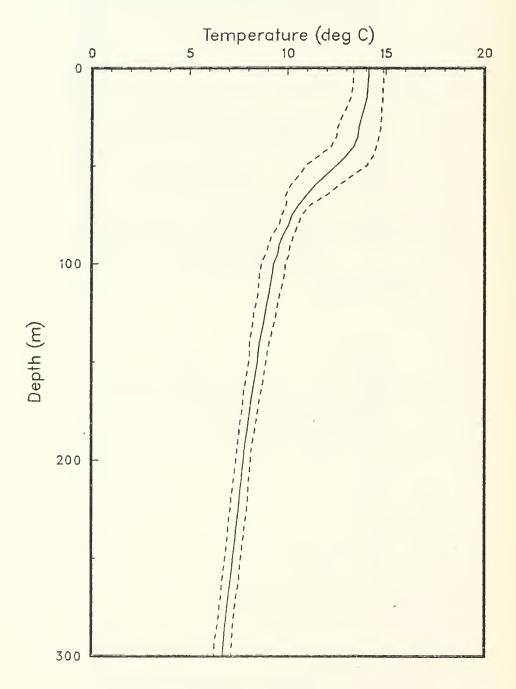


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Section 2

OPTOMA 23 FLIGHT P2

10 November 1986

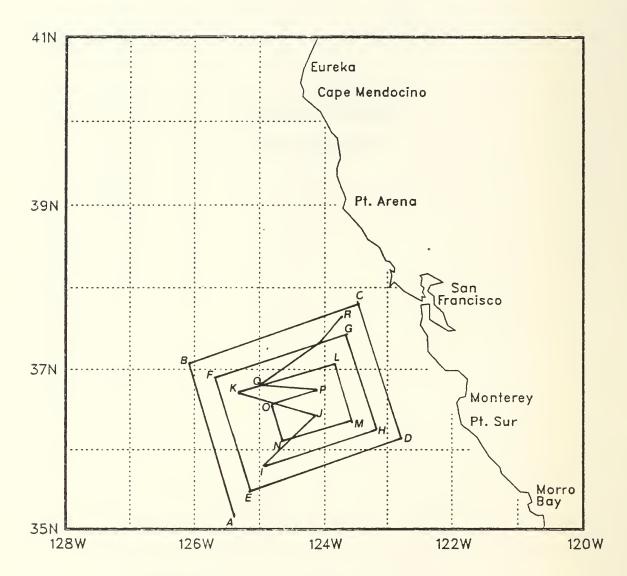


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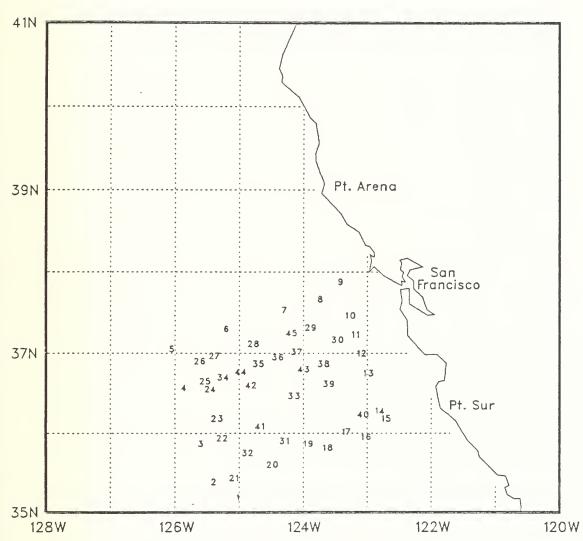


Figure 8. AXBT locations for OPTOMA 23, flight P2.

Table 2: Flight 2 Station Listing

Stn Type	Yr/Day	GMT	Lat (North) (dd.mm)	Long (West)	Temp
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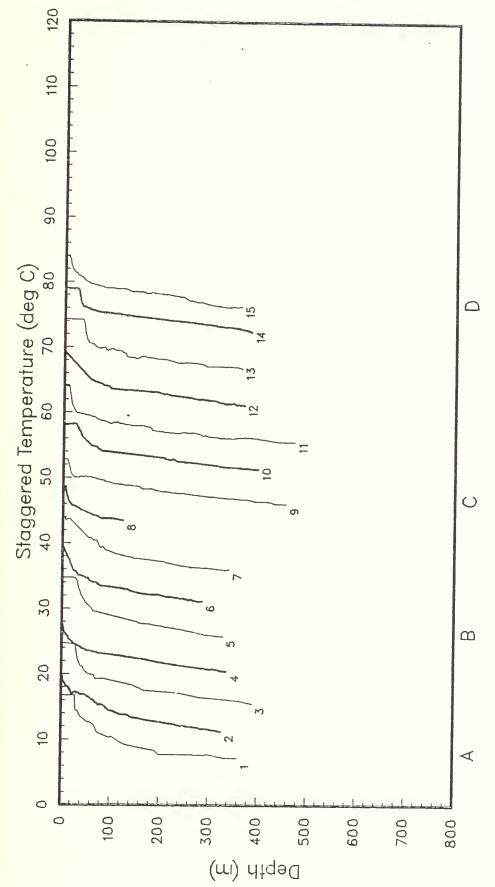


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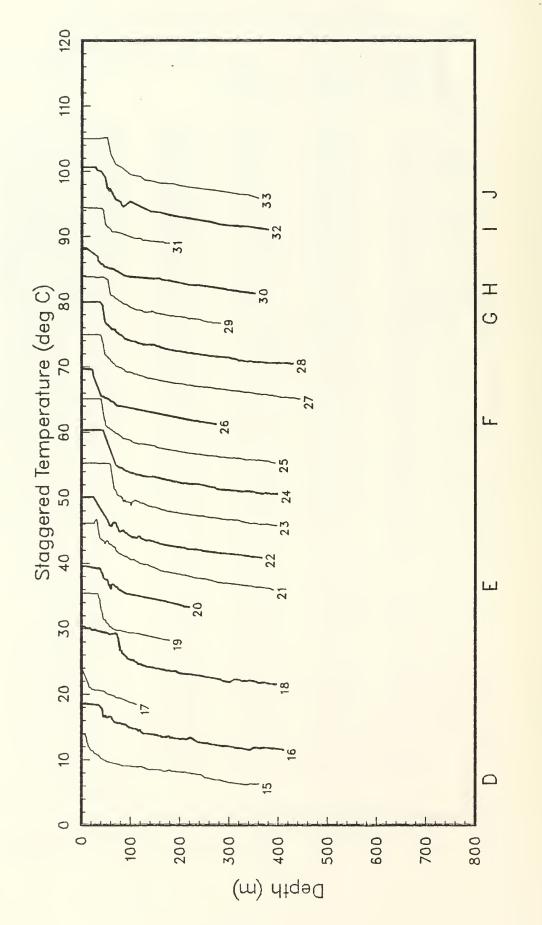
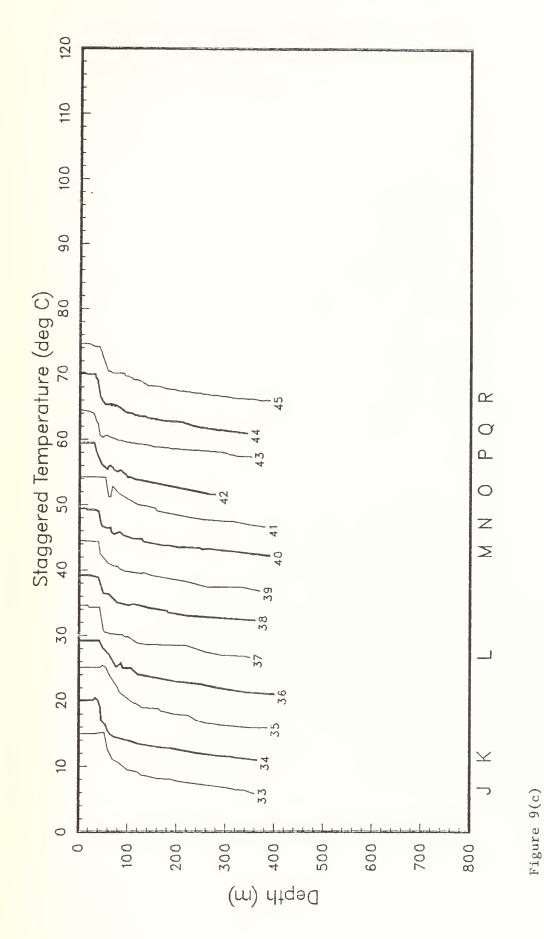


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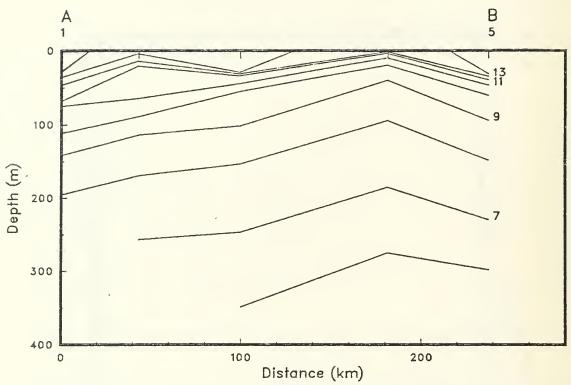


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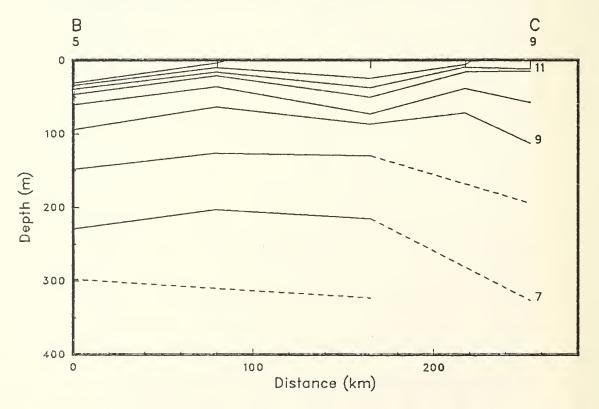


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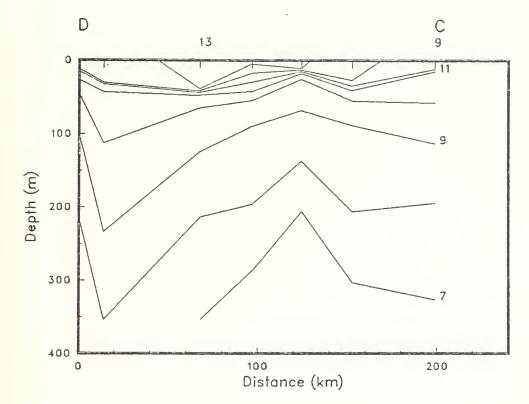


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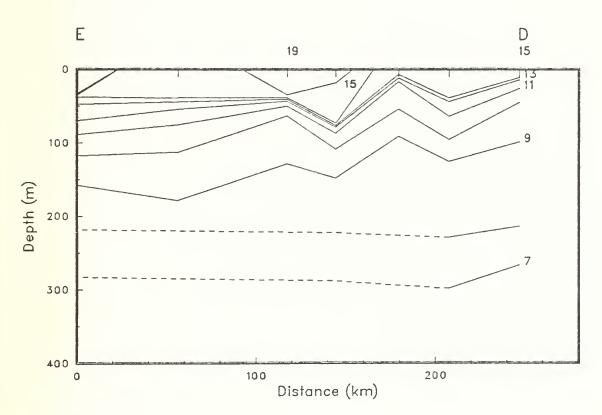


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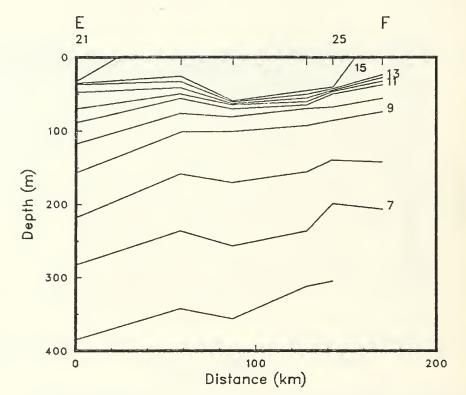


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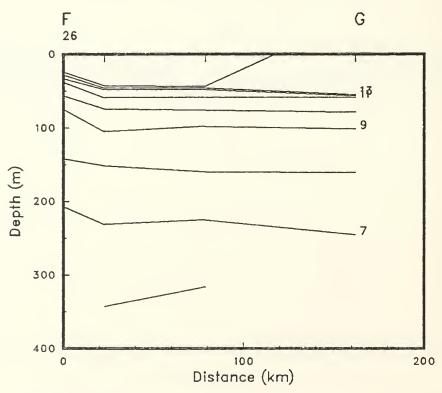


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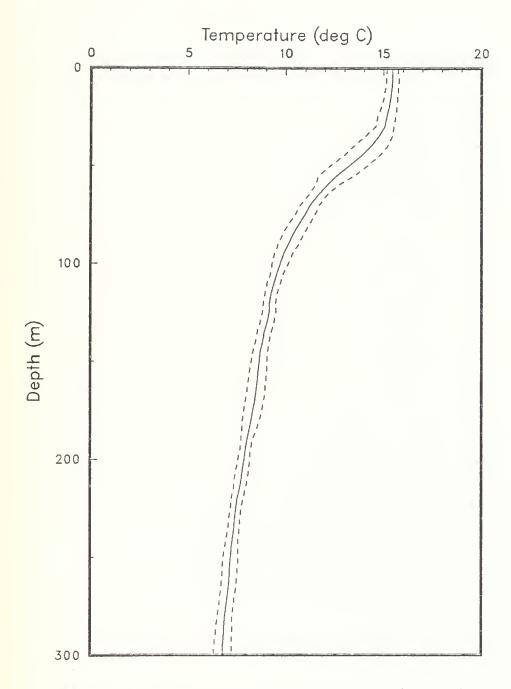


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Section 3
OPTOMA 23 Flight P3
16 November 1986

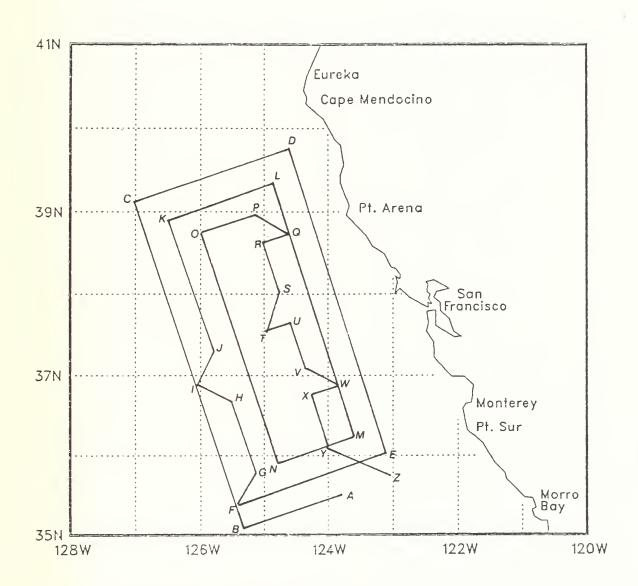


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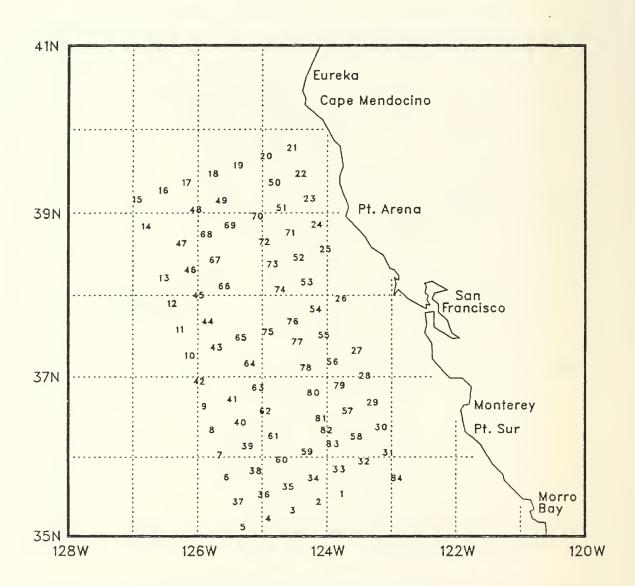


Figure 13. AXBT locations for OPTOMA 23, flight P3.

Table 3: Flight P3 Station Listing

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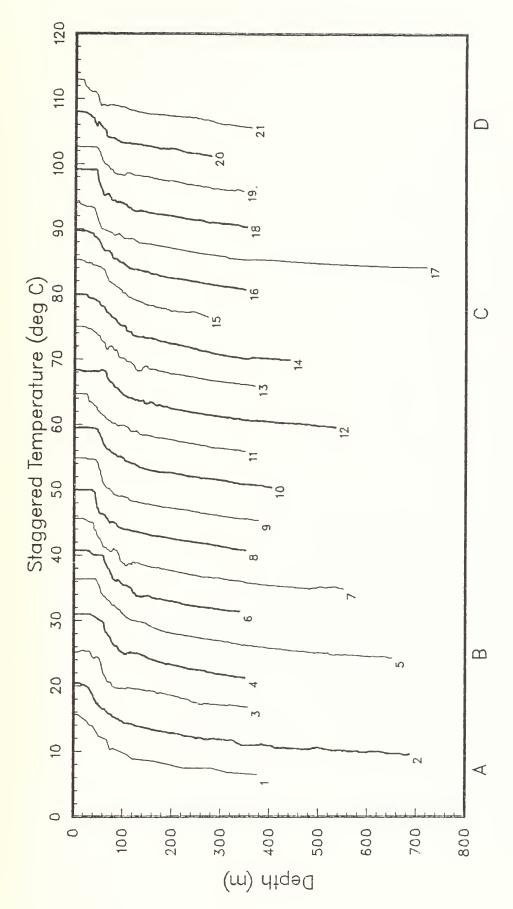
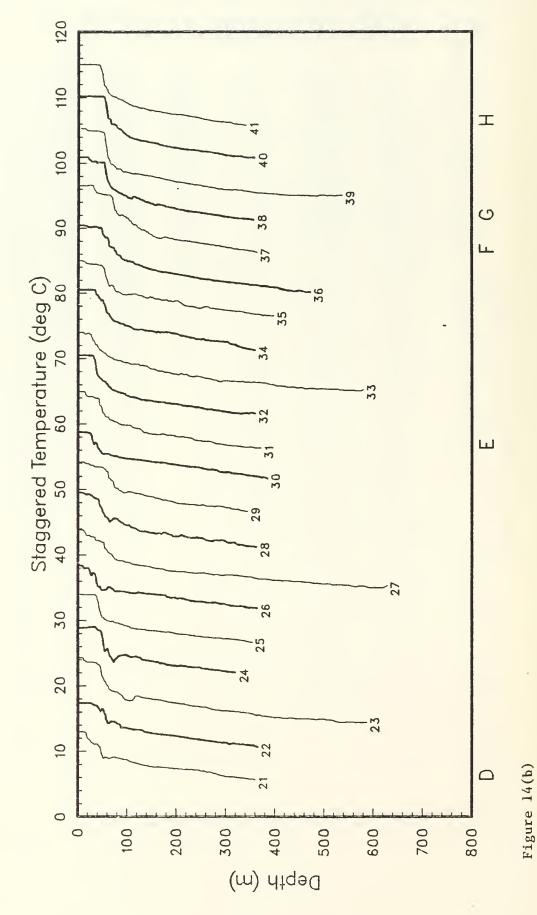


Figure 14(a). AXBT temperature profiles, staggered by multiples of 5 C (OPTOMA 23, flight P3).



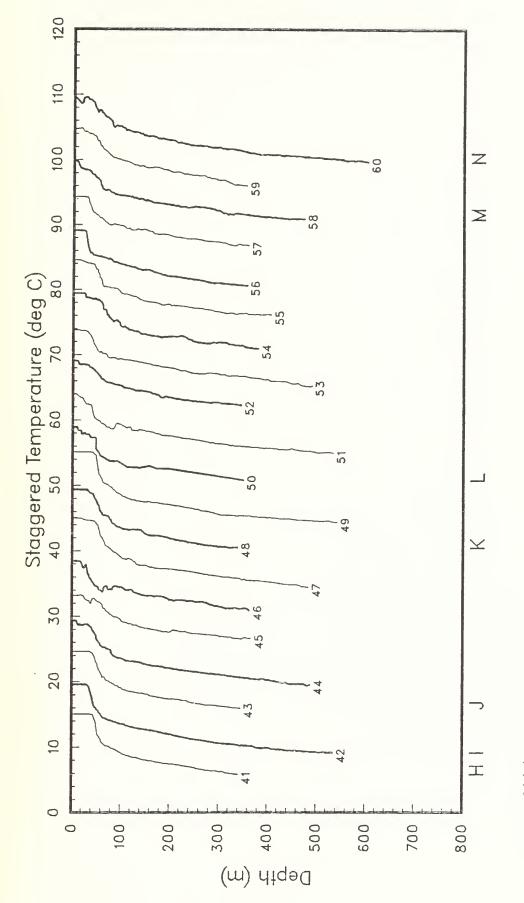
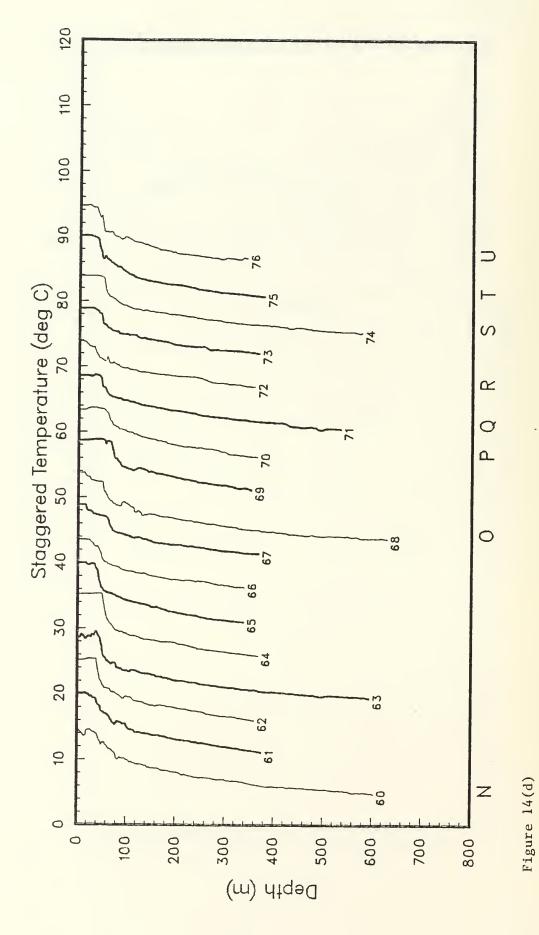
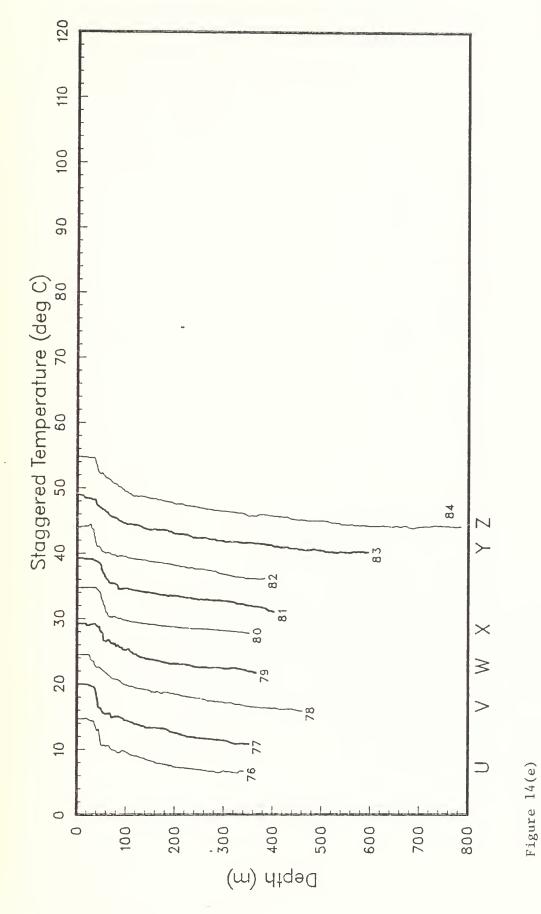


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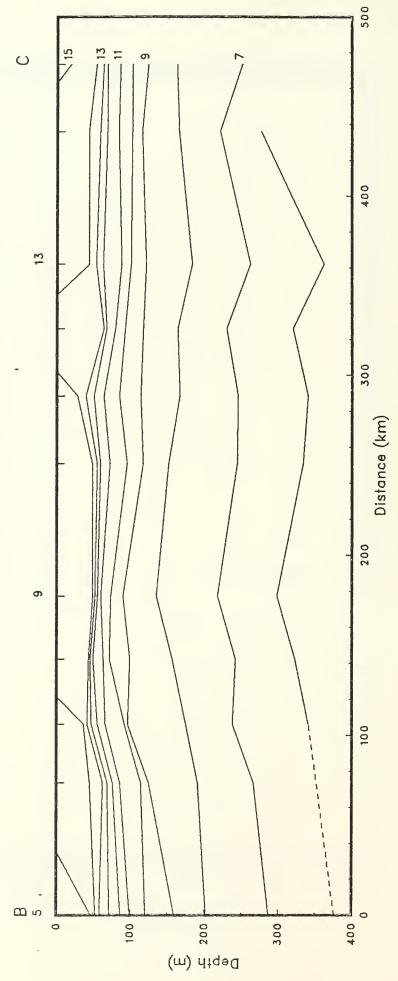


Figure 15(a), Along-track isotherms. Tick marks along the upper axis show station positions. Some stations are numbered. Dashed lines are used if cast was too shallow (OPTOMA 23, flight P3).

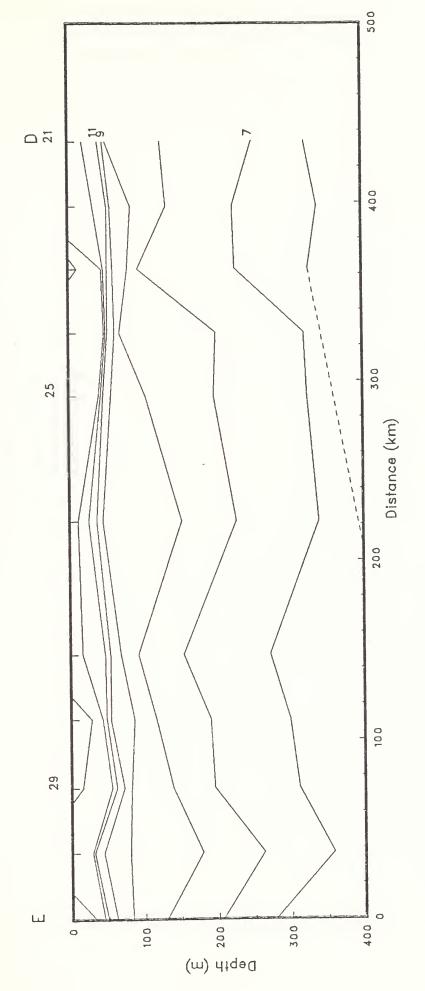


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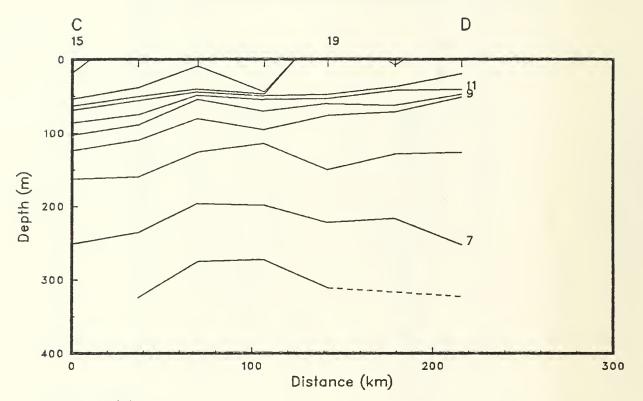


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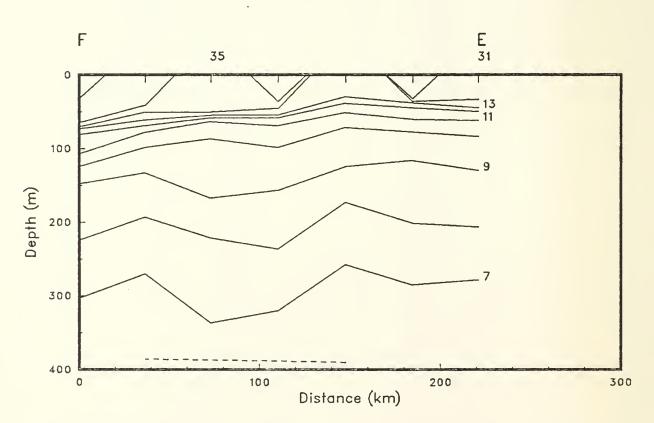


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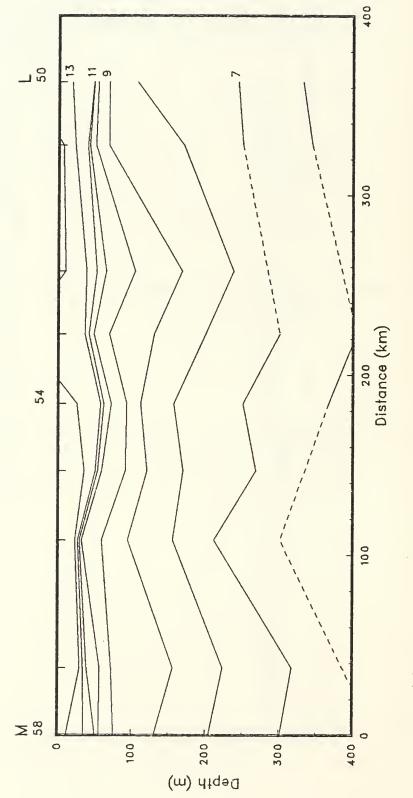


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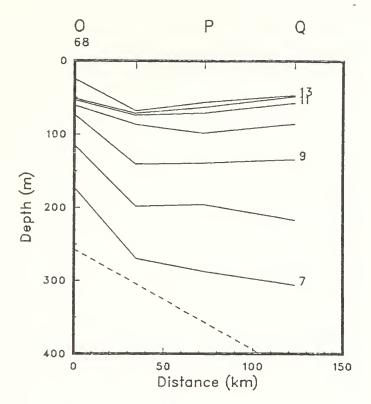


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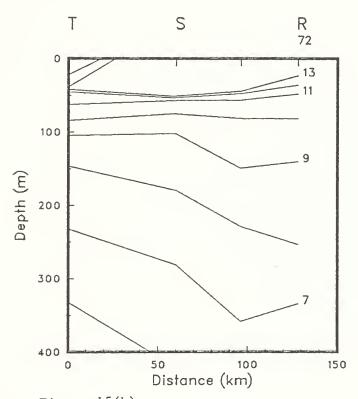


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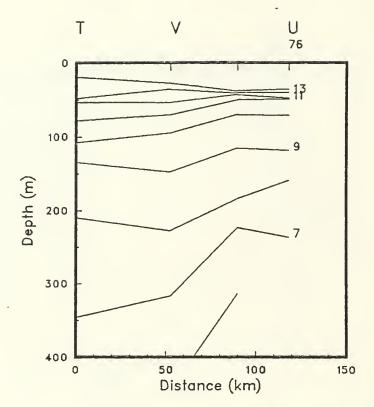


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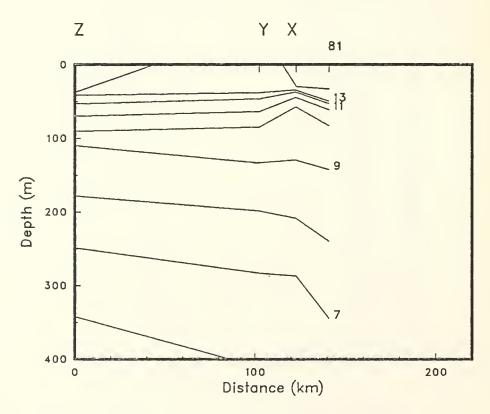


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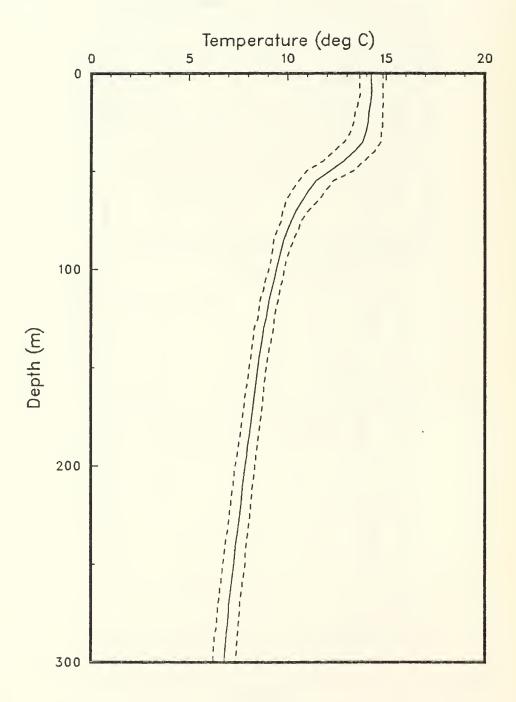


Figure 16. Mean temperature profile with the + and - standard deviation (OPTOMA 23, flight P3).

Section 4

OPTOMA 23 Flight P4

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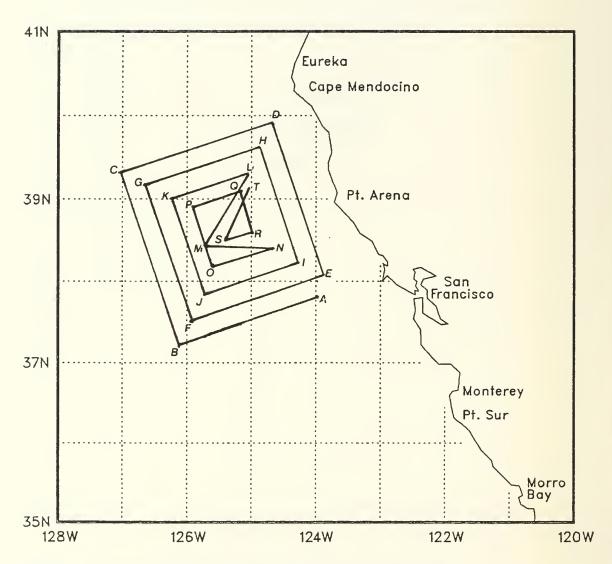


Figure 17. The flight track for OPTOMA 23, flight P4

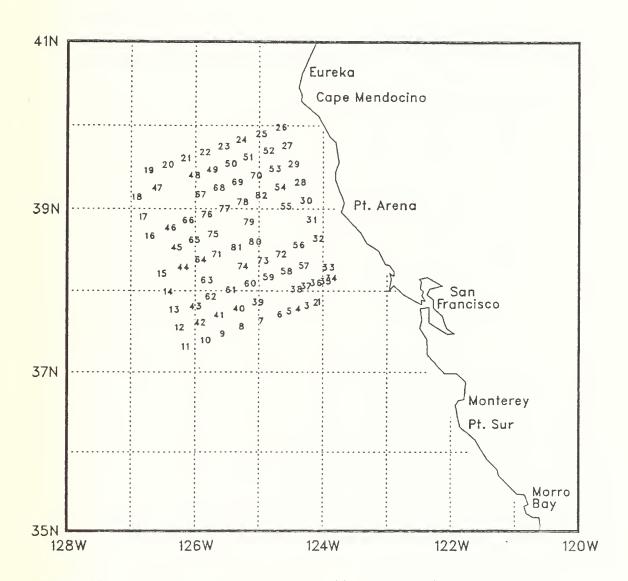


Figure 18. AXBT locations for OPTOMA 23, flight P4.

Table 4: Flight 5 Station Listing

Stn	Туре	Yr/Day	GMT	Lat (North) (dd.mm)((West)	Temp
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Stn	Type	Yr/Day	GMT	Lat (North) (dd.mm)((West)	
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81 82	AXBT AXBT	86322 86322	55 108	38.30 39.08	125. 26 125. 03	13.9 14.8

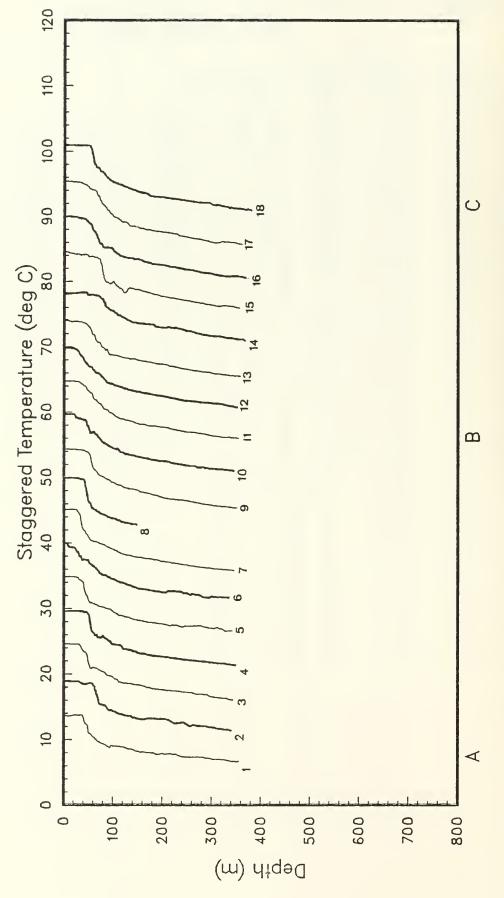
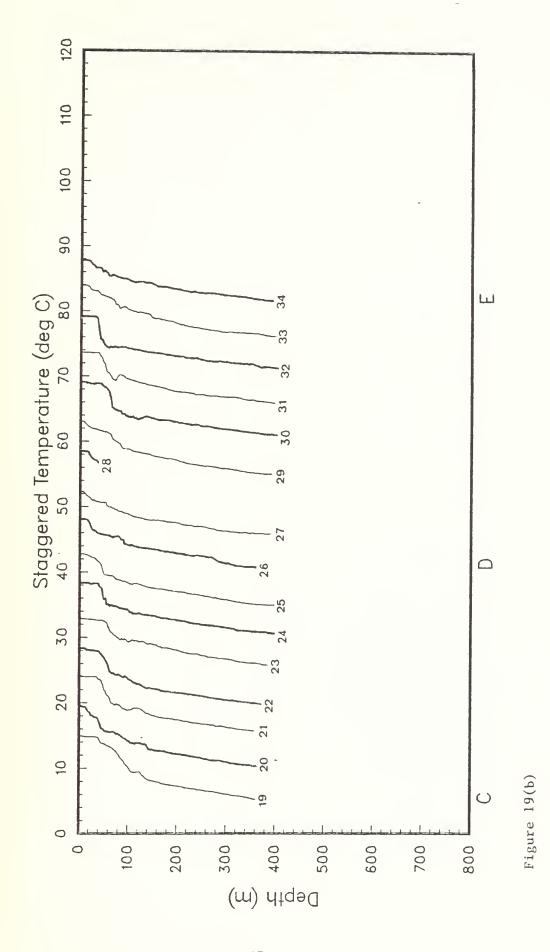
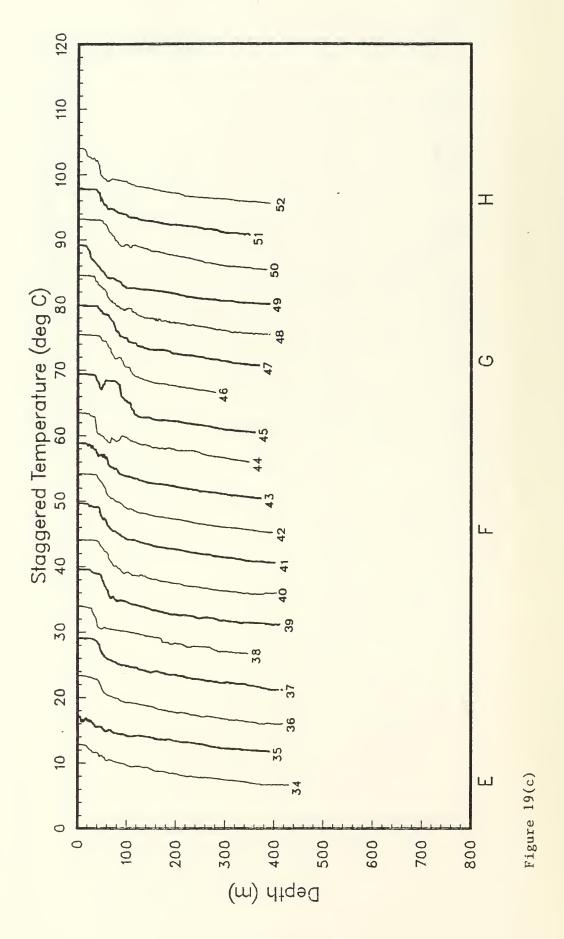
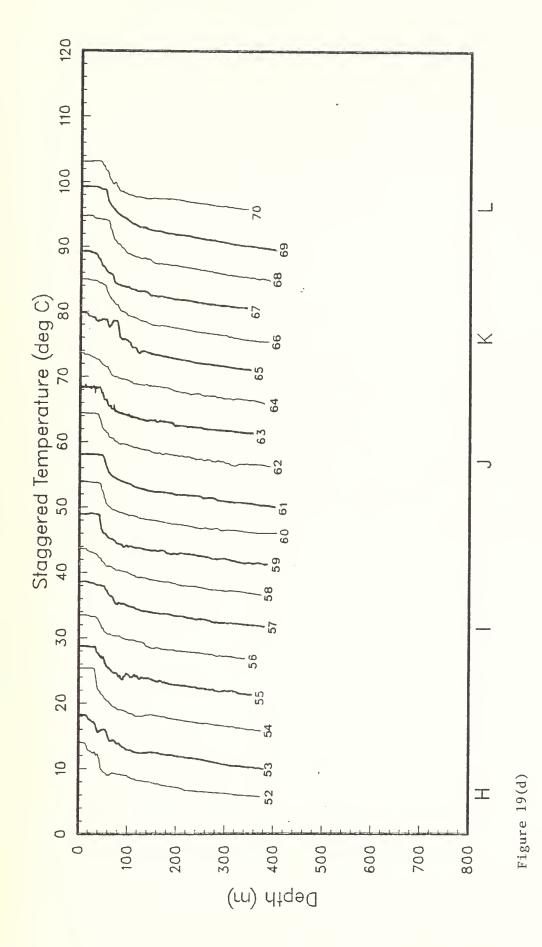


Figure 19(a). AXBT temperature profiles, staggered by multiples of 5 C (OPTOMA 23, flight P4).







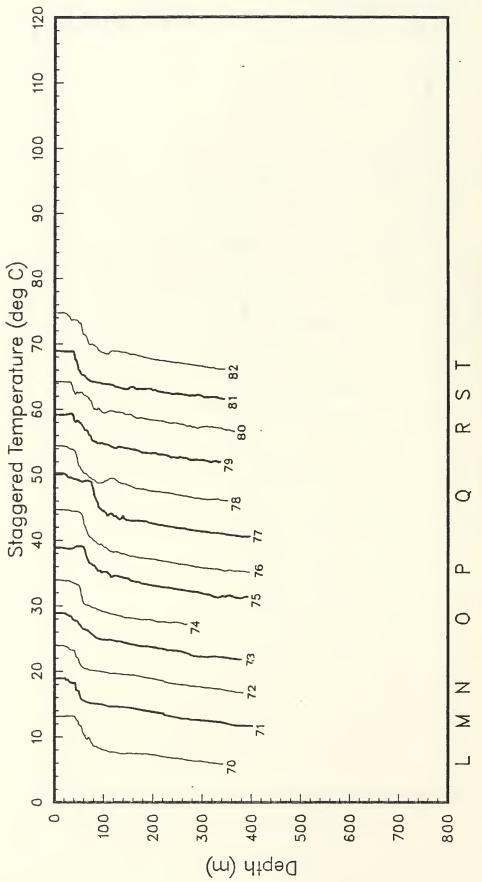


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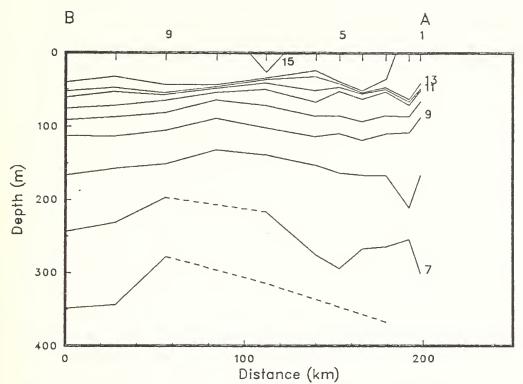
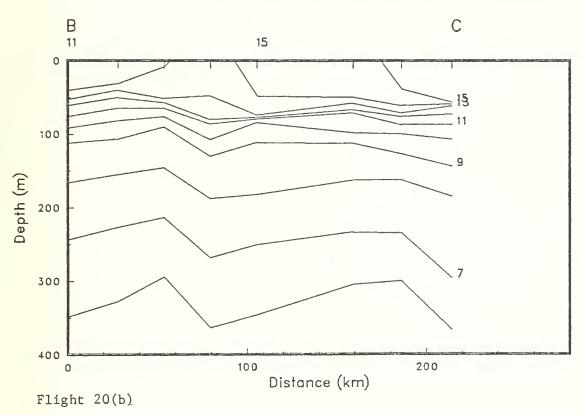


Figure 20(a). Along-track isotherms. Tick marks along the upper axis show station positions. Some station numberes are given. Dashed lines are used if cast was too shallow (OPTOMA 23, flight P4).



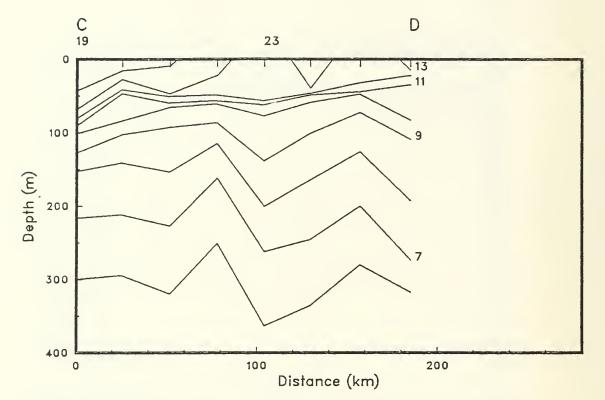


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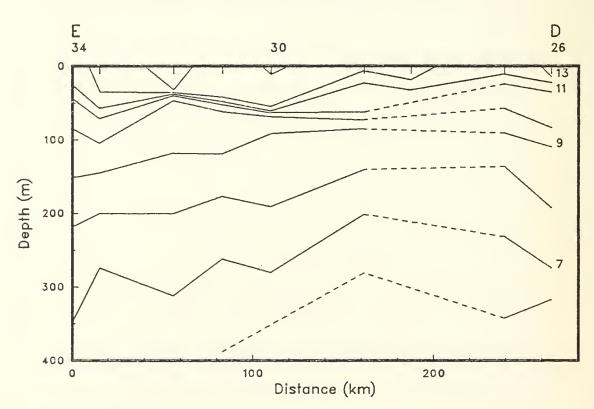


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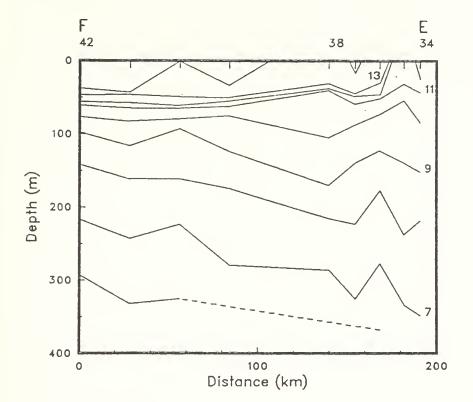


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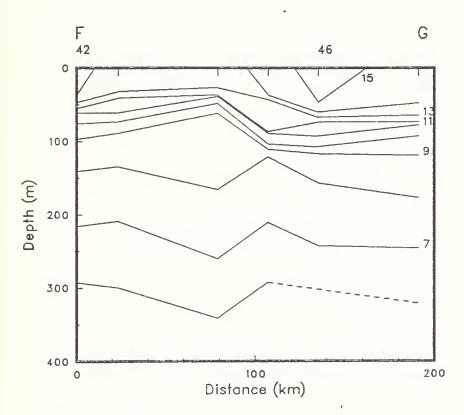


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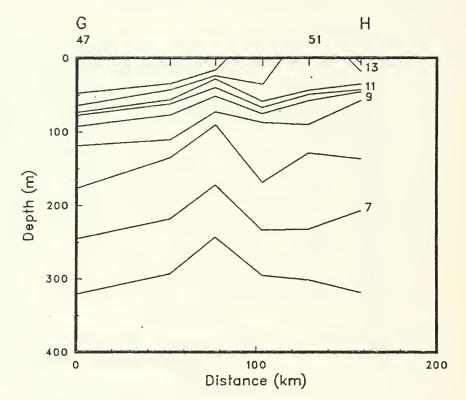


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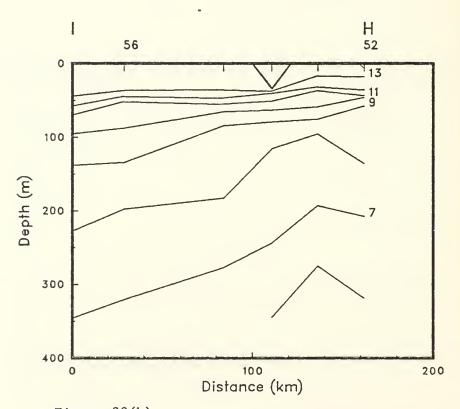
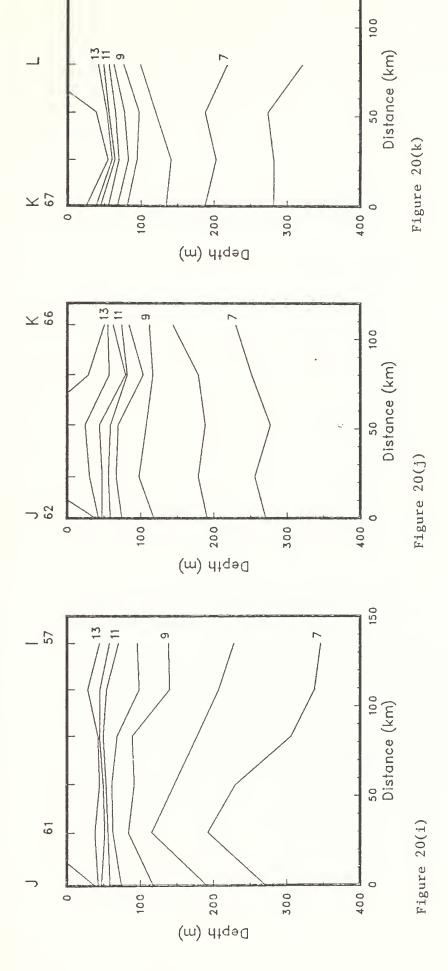


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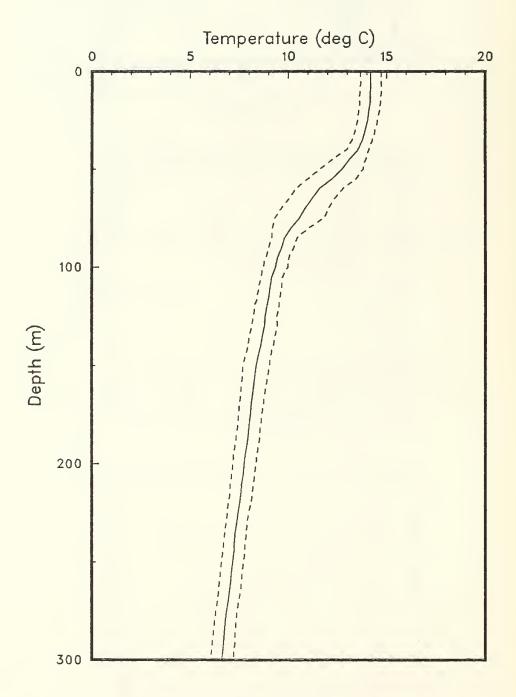


Figure 21. Mean temperature profole with + and - the standard deviation (OPTOMA 23, flight P4).

Section 5

OPTOMA 23 Flight P5

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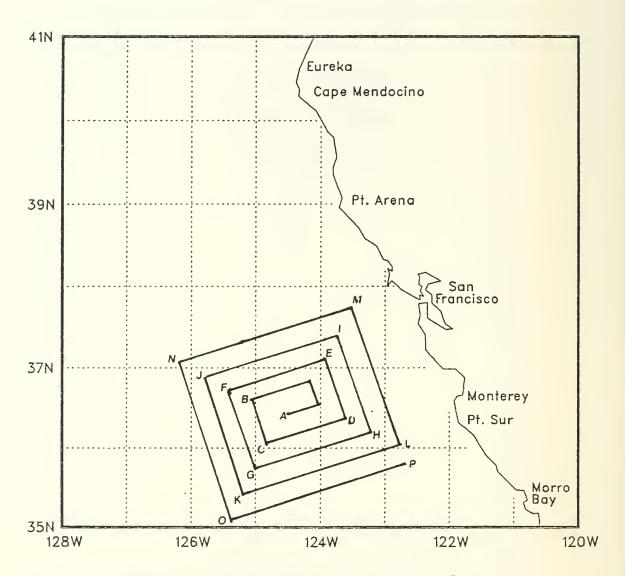


Figure 22. The flight track for OPTOMA 23, flight P5.

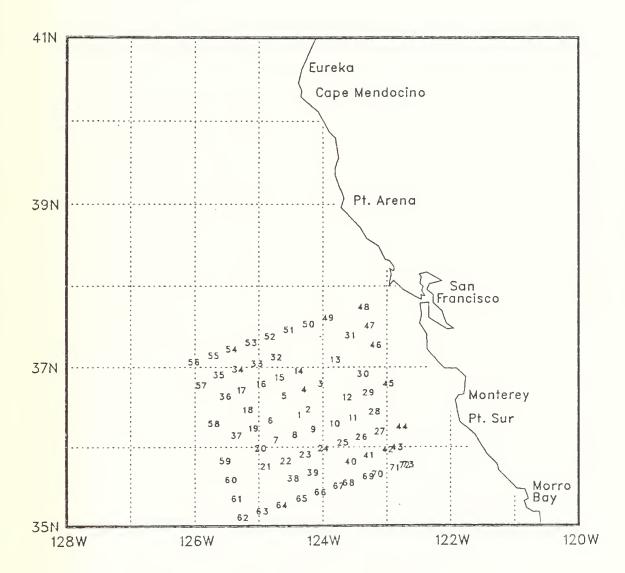


Figure 23. AXBT locations for OPTOMA 23, flight P5.

Table 6: Flight P5 Station Listing

Stn	Type	Yr/Day		(North)	Long (West) ddd.mm)(Temp
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45	AXBT	86324	156	36.46	123.04	14.7

Stn Type Yr/Day GMT Lat Long Surface (North) (West) Temp (dd.mm)(ddd.mm)(deg C) 46 AXBT 86324 204 37.14 123.16 14.6 47 AXBT 86324 208 37.29 123.21 13.6 AXBT 48 86324 212 37.43 123.27 13.6 49 AXBT 86324 219 37.35 124.00 14.6 50 AXBT 86324 223 37.30 124.19 15.0 51 AXBT 86324 226 37.26 124.37 14.4 52 AXBT 86324 230 37.21 124.55 15.0 53 AXBT 234 37.16 125.13 15.1 86324 37.11 54 AXBT 125.31 86324 237 15.1 55 AXBT 86324 241 37.07 125.47 13.6 56 245 37.02 126.06 15.1 AXBT 86324 57 AXBT 86324 249 36.44 125.59 15.4 58 AXBT 86324 256 36.16 125.47 15.4 125.37 59 AXBT 86324 303 35.47 16.3 60 AXBT 86324 306 35.33 125.31 16.3 35.19 61 AXBT 86324 309 125.25 16.8 313 35.04 125.20 15.7 62 AXBT 86324 63 AXBT 86324 317 35.09 125.02 15.5 35.14 124.43 64 AXBT 86324 321 15.5 35.19 124.25 15.8 65 86324 324 AXBT 35.23 124.07 15.1 66 AXBT 86324 328 67 AXBT 86324 331 35.28 123.50 15.5 35.31 123.41 15.8 333 68 AXBT 86324 35.35 123.22 15.3 69 AXBT 86324 338 123.14 15.5 70 AXBT 86324 340 35.37 71 86324 344 35.42 122.57 15.6 AXBT 35.44 122.48 15.6 72 AXBT 86324 346

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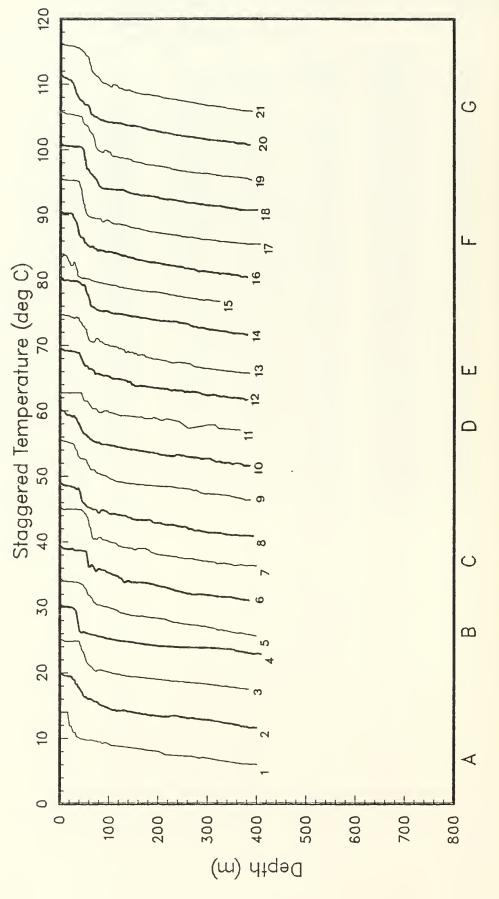
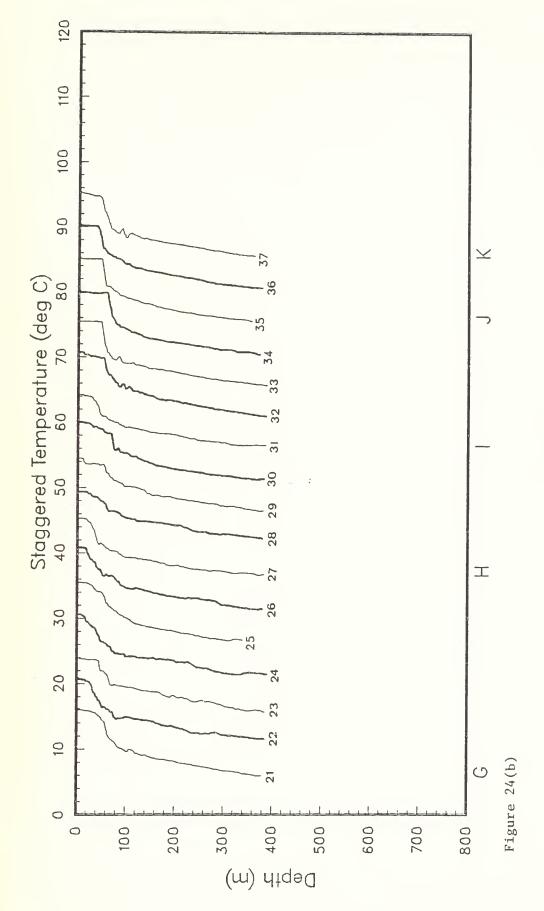
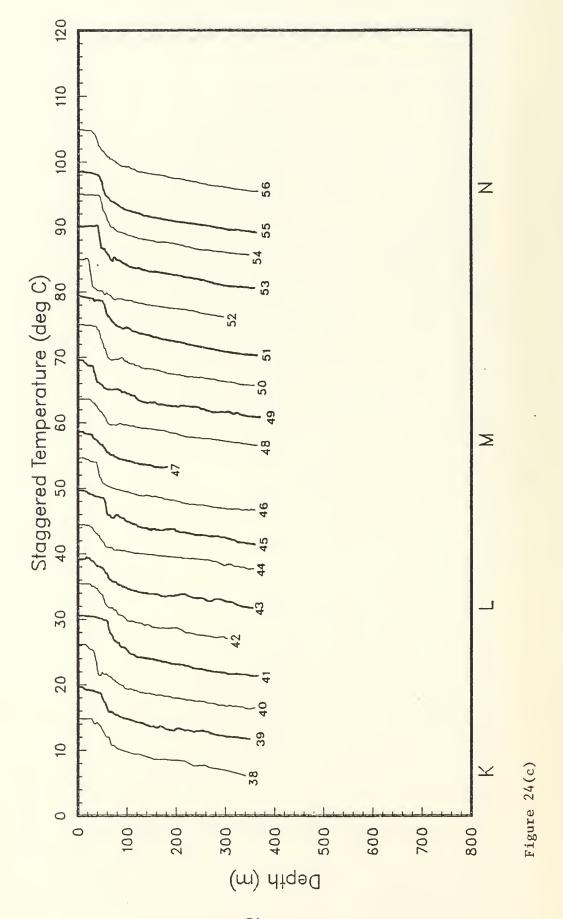
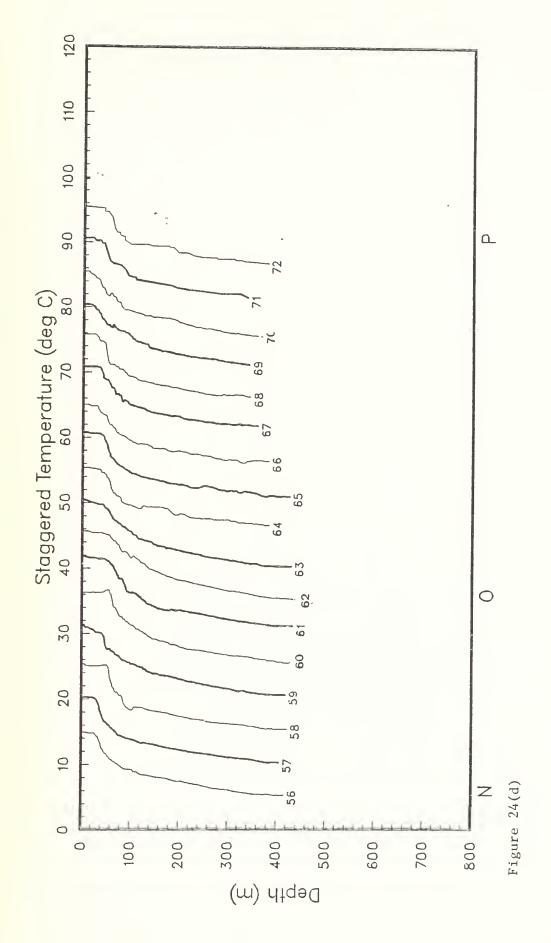


Figure 24(a). AXBT temperature profiles, staggered by multiples of 5 C (OPTOMA 23, flight P5).







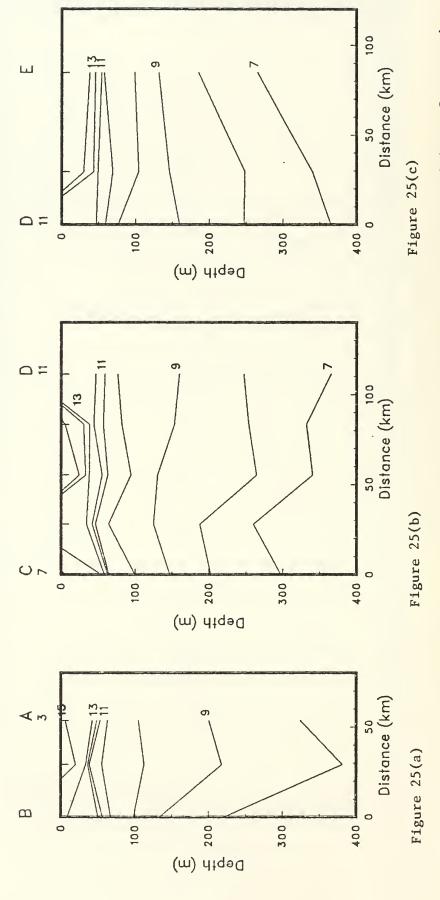


Figure 25. Along-track isotherms. Tick marks along the upper axis show station positions. Some station numbers are given. Dashed lines are used if cast was too shallow (OPTOMA 23, flight P5).

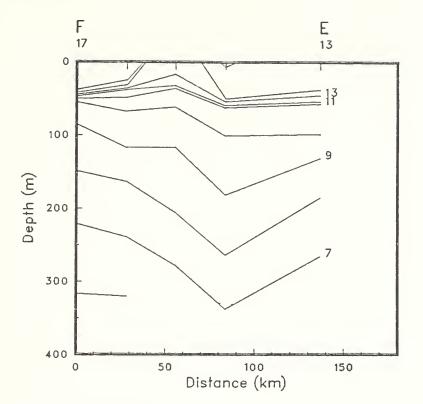
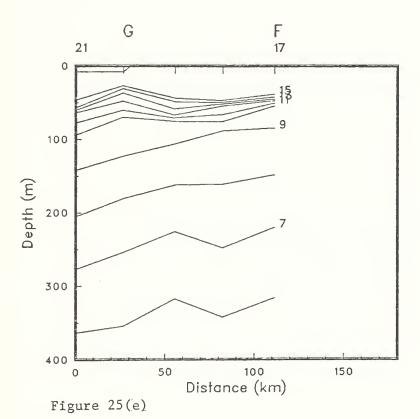


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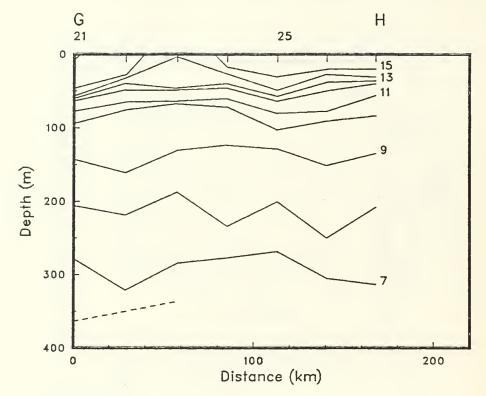
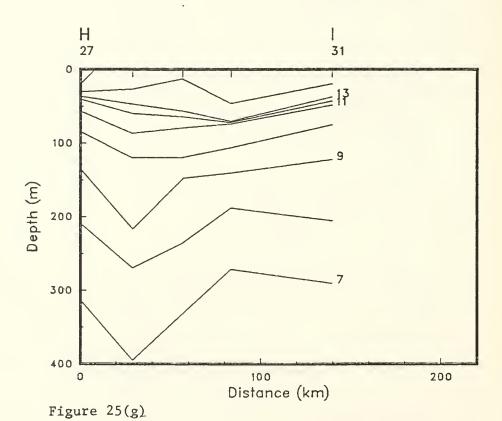


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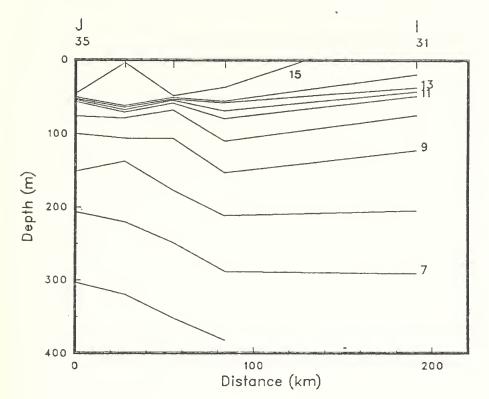


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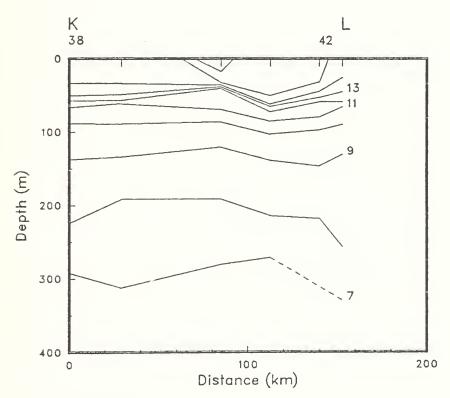


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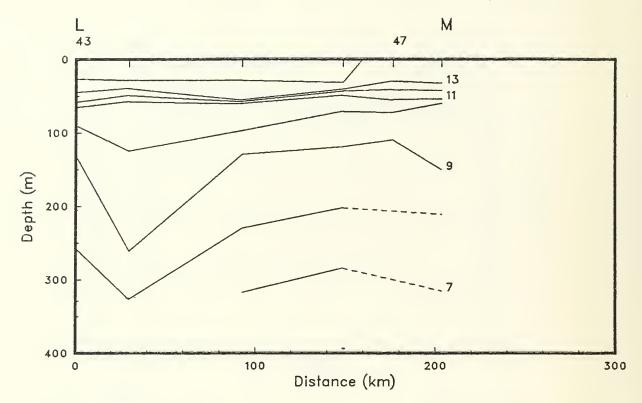


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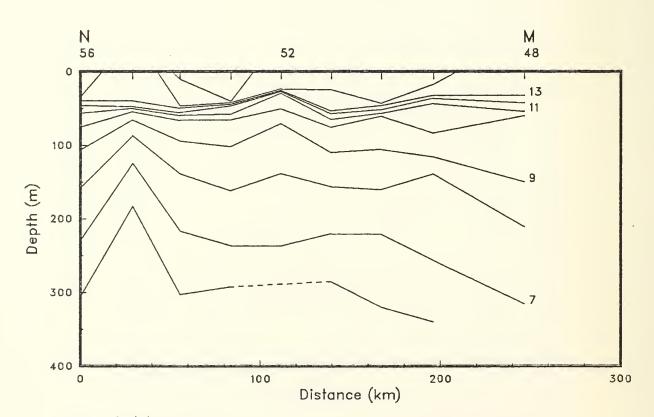


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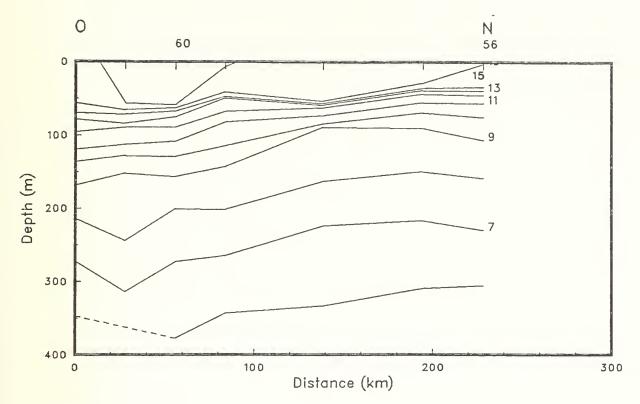
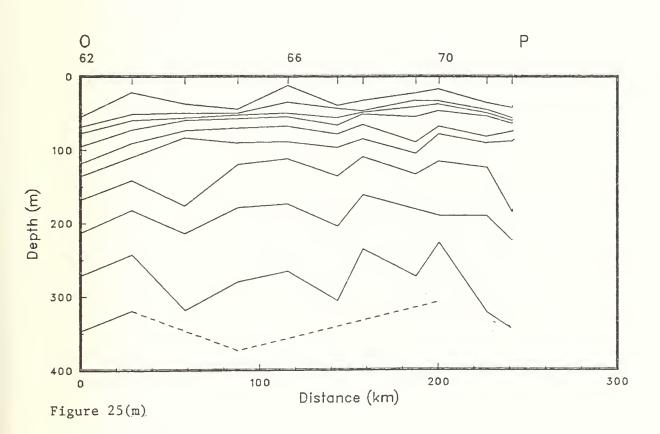


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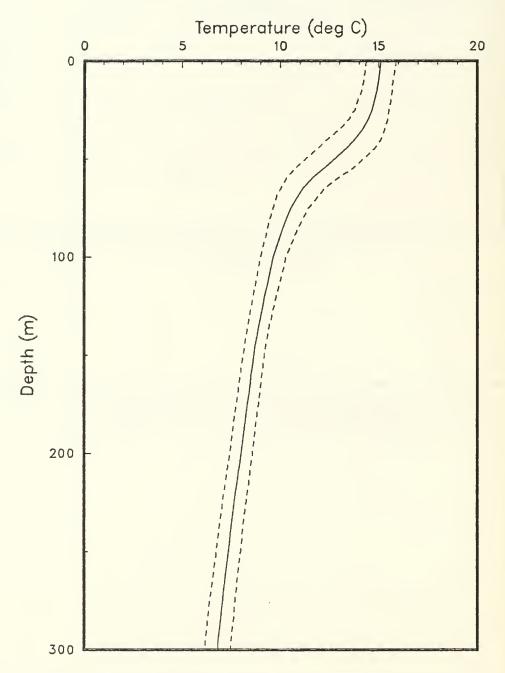


Figure 26. Mean temperature profile with the + and - standard deviation (OPTOMA 23, flight P5).

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